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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND
BONDING

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE
GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 14-270 of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation or other authority having
5 charge of the repair or maintenance of any highway or bridge is
6 authorized to grant permits for transporting vehicles or combinations
7 of vehicles or vehicles and load, or other objects not conforming to the
8 provisions of sections 14-98, 14-262, 14-262a, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269
9 but, in the case of motor vehicles, only the Commissioner of
10 Transportation shall be authorized to issue such permits. Such permits
11 shall be written, and may limit the highways or bridges which may be

12 used, the time of such use and the maximum rate of speed at which
13 such vehicles or objects may be operated, and may contain any other
14 condition considered necessary by the authority granting the same,
15 provided the Department of Transportation shall not suffer any loss of
16 revenue granted or to be granted from any agency or department of
17 the federal government for the federal interstate highway system or
18 any other highway system.

19 (b) Any permit issued in respect to any vehicle, self-propelled
20 vehicle, or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer on account of
21 its excessive weight shall be limited to the gross weight shown or to be
22 shown on the commercial registration certificate or any commercial
23 registration certificate issued on an apportionment basis. A permit
24 granted under this section for a vehicle or load, greater than twelve
25 feet, but no greater than thirteen feet six inches in width and traveling
26 on undivided highways, shall require a single escort motor vehicle to
27 precede such vehicle or load. No escort motor vehicle shall be required
28 to follow such vehicle or load on such highways.

29 (c) Any permit issued under this section or a legible copy or
30 facsimile shall be retained in the possession of the operator of the
31 vehicle, self-propelled vehicle or combination of vehicles or vehicle
32 and trailer for which such permit was issued, except that an electronic
33 confirmation of the existence of such permit or the use of the special
34 number plates described in section 14-24 and any regulations adopted
35 thereunder shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of this section.

36 (d) (1) The owner or lessee of any vehicle may pay either a fee of
37 [twenty-three] thirty dollars for each permit issued for such vehicle
38 under this section or a fee as described in subdivision (3) of this
39 subsection for such vehicle, payable to the Department of
40 Transportation. (2) An additional transmittal fee of [three] five dollars
41 shall be charged for each permit issued under this section and
42 transmitted via [transceiver or facsimile equipment] electronic means.
43 (3) The commissioner may issue an annual permit for any vehicle

44 transporting (A) a divisible load, (B) an overweight or oversized-
45 overweight indivisible load, or (C) an oversize indivisible load. The
46 owner or lessee shall pay an annual fee of [seven] nine dollars per
47 thousand pounds or fraction thereof for each such vehicle. A permit
48 may be issued in any increment up to one year, provided the owner or
49 lessee shall pay a fee of [one-tenth of the annual fee] one hundred
50 dollars for such vehicle or vehicle and trailer for each month or
51 fraction thereof. (4) The annual permit fee for any vehicle transporting
52 an oversize indivisible load shall not be less than [five hundred] six
53 hundred fifty dollars. (5) The commissioner may issue permits for
54 divisible loads in the aggregate not exceeding fifty-three feet in length.

55 Sec. 2. Section 31-97 of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

57 (a) Whenever a grievance or dispute arises between an employer
58 and his employees, the parties may submit the [same] grievance or
59 dispute directly to said board and notify said board or its clerk in
60 writing and upon payment by each party of a filing fee of [twenty-five]
61 two hundred dollars. Whenever a single public member of the board is
62 chosen to arbitrate a grievance or dispute, as provided in section 31-93,
63 the parties shall each be refunded the filing fee. Whenever such
64 notification is given, a panel of said board, as directed by its chairman,
65 shall proceed with as little delay as possible to the locality of such
66 grievance or dispute and inquire into the causes thereof. The parties
67 shall thereupon submit to said panel in writing, succinctly, clearly and
68 in detail, their grievances and complaints and the causes thereof, and
69 severally promise and agree to continue in business or at work without
70 a strike or lockout until the decision of the panel is rendered; but such
71 agreement shall not be binding unless such decision is rendered within
72 ten days after the completion of the investigation. The panel shall fully
73 investigate and inquire into the matters in controversy, take testimony
74 under oath in relation thereto and may administer oaths and issue
75 subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and for the production of
76 books and papers.

77 (b) No panel of said board may consider any claim that one or more
78 of the issues before the panel are improper subjects for arbitration
79 unless the party making such claim has notified the opposing party
80 and the chairman of the panel of such claim, in writing, at least ten
81 days prior to the date of hearing, except that the panel may consider
82 such claim if it determines there was reasonable cause for the failure of
83 such party to comply with said notice requirement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	14-270(a) to (d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	31-97

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Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]